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With respect to the pyrethrum powder, it should be stated that the smoke does not kill all the mosquitoes; but at the end of four hours those that are not killed are paralyzed and can be readily gathered in the manner I have described. The smoke produces also a very faint cast upon exposed surfaces of white goods when they are lying in a horizontal position. Tobacco is as effective as pyrethrum, but it leaves a very offensive odor and a more decided stain than pyrethrum. Guava leaves have also been tried, but they are less effective.

*Telegraphic correspondence relative to disinfection of vessels from Tampico.*

JULY 22, 1903.

Dr. GOLDTHWAITE,  
*Health and Executive Officer, Mobile, Ala.:*

As previously wired you, Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, who was detailed by President in office consul, Tampico, obliged to withdraw on account of sickness. Lippincott, a locum tenens, not detailed by President, and while he is disinfecting in accordance with instructions, still Bureau does not regard Tampico equipped with an accredited medical officer, as contemplated by regulations. Therefore, until commissioned officer reaches Tampico, Bureau holds regulations require disinfection and five-day detention thereafter of vessels from Tampico. Please wire if you are doing this. Above instructions have been sent to other ports. Richardson ordered from New Orleans to Tampico.

WYMAN.

(This telegram was repeated to State health officers of Louisiana and Texas, and to Passed Assistant Surgeon Grubbs, at Gulf quarantine, Mississippi.)

MOBILE, ALA., *July 23, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

We are disinfecting all vessels from Tampico, with five days' detention thereafter.

GOLDTHWAITE, *Health Officer.*

AUSTIN, TEX., *July 23, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Vessels from Tampico are disinfected and held five days. Texas quarantine against Mexican ports very rigid.

TABOR, *State Health Officer.*

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *July 23, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

We have always disinfected and detained five days vessels from Tampico and will continue to do so. \* \* \*

EDMOND SOUCHON,  
*President Louisiana State Board of Health.*

LIMON, *Costa Rica.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

*Westgate* will leave here for Manzanillo, Cuba, July 22. Yellow fever on board; contracted while she lay at the dock. Removed. Fumigated by sulphur. She carries no surgeon.

GRUVER.

[The Cuban authorities were notified.]

[Reports to the Surgeon-General Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for week ended July 25, 1903.*

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, at San Francisco, under date of July 27, being record of work in Chinatown for week ended July 25, 1903:

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Buildings reinspected, Chinatown.....                   | 95    |
| Rooms .....   | 945   |
| Buildings inspected, Latin quarter.....                 | 293   |
| Persons inspected .....                                 | 2,575 |
| Chinese .....   | 956   |
| Whites .....  | 1,619 |
| Sick.....   | 38    |
| Chinese .....   | 25    |
| Whites .....  | 13    |
| Dead examined .....                                     | 5     |
| Chinese .....   | 3     |
| Whites .....  | 2     |
| Necropsies .....  | 4     |
| Chinese .....   | 2     |
| Whites .....  | 2     |
| Provisional diagnosis of plague.....                    | 2     |
| Rats examined bacteriologically.....                    | 83    |
| Places limed and disinfected .....                      | 570   |
| Sewers flushed .....                                    | 17    |
| Sewers baited with rat poison in Latin quarter .....    | 13    |
| Plumbing nuisances abated and undergoing abatement..... | 15    |
| Total plumbing inspections .....                        | 51    |

*Report on rats from city wharf and Chinese, Japanese, and Latin quarters examined during the week ended July 18, 1903.*

The following is received from Assistant Surgeon Currie, under date of July 18, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue:

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Number of rats caught alive.....                    | 78 |
| Number found dead .....                             | 4  |
| Number showing lesions of phosphorus poisoning..... | 0  |
| Number showing pest infection.....                  | 0  |